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WELCOME TO TOWN TALK

Welcome to the 2020/21 Matchday
Programme. We've gone to real effort to make
this year's programme, our best yet, so please
feel free to give us any feedback you may
have. A warm welcome to this afternoon's
visitors, Leiston FC.

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TODAY'S TIE

OPPOSITION

Leiston FC

TIME & VENUE

3PM, Saturday 3rd October

COMPETITION

The Emirates FA Cup
Second Round Qualifying







PEOPLE AT THE CLUB

The hard-working volunteers at our Football Club:

Acting Chairman: Steve

Harris

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Sean Downey

First Team Managers: Joe

Sweeney and Paul Copson

Secretary: Roy Parker

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Hall-Hire: Pauline Parker

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Warner

Media: Kieran Carvell







A WORD FROM THE PRESS BOX

Welcome to Bell Close for this afternoon's Emirates FA Cup clash with Lesiton FC. A warm welcome to our visitors who have made the trip for the second round qualifying tie. It's been a busy week down at Bell Close, as we prepare for another Sold Out fixture, this time in front of 300 of our loyal, dedicated supporters. The support we have had is absolutely phenomenal, and we all really appreciate it. However, we do ask that yu respect social distancing and the other rules in place.

We coke into the game after a 5-0 win away at Crawley Green last weekend, that was played Behind Closed Doors, away from home. A brilliant team performance, with goals from Mealing x2, Collier x2 and Frederick. The full report can be found further on in the programme.

Our visitors come into this game after playing Biggleswade Town at Langofrd Road on Tuesday. This was a 7-4 win for the hosts. An unbelievable scoreline and sets up a very exciting tie this weekend here in Leighton Buzzard.

Next up for Town after this is a trip to Eynesbury Rovers on Tuesday. News regarding spectators will be released soon.

We hope you enjoy today's game. The Tea Bar is open as well as the Bar. In the bar, it is table service only. Once you have been seated, raies your card and someone will come and see you. Please make sure you follow all of the rules in place and just as importantly, back the boys on the pitch!

Up the Town!







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YOUR TOWN, YOUR HISTORY

Leighton Town, who were known as Leighton United between 1922 and 1963, were formed in 1885. They were mainly involved in local leagues until the outbreak of the Great War, and were winners of the Leighton and District League on several occasions. Leighton were one of the original members of the South Midland League in 1922 – which at the time was known as the Bedfordshire County League. They were also members of the Spartan League between 1922/23 and 1951/52, but their only successes being the Spartan League Division 2 title in 1923/24 and 1927/28. They were Bedfordshire Senior Cup winners in 1926/27.

In 1952, they became a founder member of the Hellenic League, but after two disappointing seasons, moved to the South Midlands League. In 1965/66 season however, the Premier Championship sat in the Leighton Town Boardroom. The club then rejoined the Spartan League in 1967/68.

Leighton proceeded to consolidate their League success by winning the Bedfordshire Senior Cup for three successive seasons in 1968, 1969 and 1970. Unfortunately, some of the successful players moved onto other clubs, and Leighton's fortunes again declined. A move to the United Counties League proved disastrous and, after just two seasons, the club rejoined the South Midlands League. During the '70's and '80's, Leighton were unable to capture the success of the '60's.

In 1990/1991 the First Team won the South Midlands League Challenge Trophy and the O'Brien's Premier Division Cup, both for the first timThe 1991/2 season was one of the club's best ever. The South Midlands Premier Division title, which had eluded the club for so long, was won, and with it a place in the Isthmian League.

1992/3 saw the Club's success continue when they won the Bedfordshire Senior Cup for the first time since 1970. The Club missed out on promotion in their first Isthmian League season by just a single point but the Youth Team retained the County Cup. 1995/6 saw the First Team win promotion to Division 2 of the Isthmian League, whilst at the same time retaining the Buckingham Charity Cup.

In the 1996/7 season, Leighton won the Isthmian League Associated Members Trophy for the first time. 1998/99 saw the return of the Associated Members Trophy and the Buckingham Charity Cup.

Season 2003/04 was arguably one of the Club's best ever, as the First Team won the Ryman Isthmian Second Division title. The team was also named Ryman Division Two Team of the Year, and Paul Burgess was awarded Manager of the Year. They also reached the Fifth round of the FA Vase, and the final of the Beds Senior Cup, before losing to Andover and Arlesey respectively.







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The 2004-05 season saw the club placed in The Southern League East Division and finished in a creditable tenth place. They also won the Buckinghamshire Charity Cup. The Reserves won the Bedfordshire Intermediate Cup and the U18's won the SCYFL League Shield.e in the club's history.

The 05-06 Season saw the Club progress again, improving on the year before, as they finished 8th in The Southern League West Division. After a poor start, League results improved and the side only suffered four defeats from the start of November until the end of March, a play-off place just eluding them. After three excellent victories interest in the FA.Trophy competition ended with a single goal defeat to eventual semi-finalists, Borehamwood.

The Club also reached the Beds Senior Cup Final, but sadly they again finished as Runners Up.

The Club were relocated to the Southern League, Midland Division for 06-07 season but only one League win in the first six games and early exits in the two FA Competitions cost Paul Burgess his job in September. He was replaced by former Wycombe, professional Keith Scott, results did improve but it was a disappointing season, although Town did win the Bucks Senior

Charity Cup.

The 07-08 started brightly with the first League defeat not coming until mid-October. Three wins in the FA Cup saw the Club reach the 4th Qualifying Round for the first time in it's history. A 3-0 defeat to Conference South, Havant and Waterlooville finally ended the run. Keith Scott left in December to join Windsor and Eton. In January 2008, Assistant Manager Sean Downey was appointed as First Team Manager and did a splendid job as the Club ended their League season in 9th place, winning the Bucks Charity Cup and reaching the final of the Beds Senior Cup once more.

The 08/09 Season the First Team finished 8th in the Southern League, Midland Division, achieving their highest points total to date at that level.

The 09/10 season saw Leighton once again finish in the top half of the table, when they finished in 9th place and they also lost the Bedfordshire Senior Cup Final to Southern League rivals, Arlesey Town after penalties.

Season 2010/2011, saw Town finish in 7th place in the League, gaining 69 points, their best performance since joining the Southern Football League.

The 2011/2012 a poor season saw Leighton finish in their lowest position for several years.

2012/13 was also very disappointing for the First Team as they finished in 20th place.







YOUR TOWN, YOUR HISTORY

A 2015/2016. After 3 disappointing seasons Leighton finished the season in the bottom two of the Southern League Central Division and were relegated to the Spartan South Midlands League where they had last played in the 1991/92 season. 2016/2017 This was a disappointing season with the club struggling for much of the time after yet another Managerial Change. Things did pick up towards the end of the season and we eventually finished in 16th place.

2017/18 The club retained Scott Reynolds as Manager and finished 4th in the League and reached the Quarter Finals of the FA VASE. Gates improved and it was our best season for about 8 years, however Manager, Scott Reynolds resigned at the end of the season.

2018/2019 The Club appointed experienced coach Danny Nicholls as the new Manager, but he resigned at the start of October. The Club then appointed Joe Sweeney and Paul Copson as their Management Team and results improved but we were unable to reach the top third of the table..
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2019/20: A very poor league start saw us with just one point in 8 games. However, fortunes changed and we went 5 months unbeaten in the league, drawing just once. We also had an FA Vase run once more, reaching the Quarter Final stages again, with memorable games over Eastbourne Town and Eynesbury Rovers. When the season was called to a halt due to COVID-19, we were in 7th-place, however had 5 games in-hand on 2nd, with a 14-point gap. Overall, a very competitive and in the end, great season.

2020/21: We'll find out...







LEISTON FC HISTORY

Leiston Town Football Club were first established in 1880 and at the time were undoubtedly closely associated with the Richard Garrett Engineering Works. In the early days, games were played on the old Recreation Ground adjacent to Gas Hill (now known as Park Hill) and players would change either at the White Horse Hotel or at the Works Hall. In the early 1920's Richard Garrett's bought the ground off Victory Road renaming it the Leiston Works Athletic Association and this has been the home for over 90 years although the ground name was changed in the 1980's to LTAA (Leiston Town Athletics Association) following the closure of the Garrett's Works. In the early years, the club were members of the North Suffolk League and then Ipswich and District League, winning the latter League three times in seasons 1900/01, 1901/02 & 1902/03 and then were runners up the next season (1903/04). They then had two spells in the South East Anglian League (East Anglian League) sandwiched between spells in the Ipswich & District League. After the Great War the club changed from Leiston Town to Leiston Works Athletic coinciding with the ground naming change, and during the 1920's were part of three Leagues - Essex and Suffolk Border League, Ipswich & District League and North Suffolk League. In 1934 the club returned to be called Leiston Town spending fourteen years in the Ipswich & District League before returning to the North Suffolk League for a third time but yet again returning to the lpswich & District League five years later in 1953 where they stayed for the next 48 years. During the Second World War the King's Regiment, which included most of the players of Liverpool FC, were stationed at Leiston and they played some of their matches at the LWAA ground.

Leiston Town were 'full members' of the Football Association from the early 1950's until 1982 following their relegation from the Senior Division (the only other Suffolk teams to be full members at this time were Ipswich Town and Lowestoft Town) and soon after this period the club dropped the Town part to become just Leiston FC. Leiston first entered the FA Cup in September 1919 as Leiston Works Athletic and even earlier (1900) entered the FA Amateur Cup as Leiston Town and then after the Great War as Leiston Works Athletic and then later that century first entered the FA Vase in 1987 before first entering the FA Trophy in 2011. The clubs Youth team were the first club in Suffolk to enter the FA Youth Challenge Cup reaching the First Round and a trip to Highbury to face Arsenal in 1954 where they took an early lead before losing 8-1 to the Gunners.

In 1980 the club received the 'Illuminated Address' from the Football Association to celebrate the club's centenary but this decade saw some indifferent form in the Suffolk & Ipswich League including relegation to Division One in 1983 and a third place finish in the Senior Division in 1986. Further relegations and promotions followed into the 1990's before the club achieved their long term goal of progression to the Eastern Counties set up in 2001 finishing third and the necessary promotion placing. Despite their prestigious history, Leiston Football Club has not had the best of fortune with regards to silverware. After a hat-trick of League titles in 1900, 1901 and 1902 the club won the Suffolk Senior Cup in 1913 however, they never saw another Senior trophy won until 1983, a 70 year gap! After four times ending as runners up in the Suffolk FA Premier Cup (2006, 2007, 2008 & 2016) the club has now won 'back to back' Suffolk FA Premier Cups defeating Bury Town 3-0 in 2018 and Felixstowe & Walton United 3-2 in 2019, all six finals played at Portman Road. Just the one Suffolk Senior Cup Final (presented by the Football Association) success in 1913, defeating Bury United 3-0 in the final. All the other seven final appearances (1892, 1897, 1904, 1914, 1949, 1966 and 1986) ended in defeat. However, in the Suffolk Junior Cup fortunes have fared more favourably. Six finals and four wins, in 1895, 1909 (Leiston Reserves), 1983 and 1984, with 1984 also seeing the club lift the Suffolk & Ipswich League Division One trophy.

Following promotion from Step 7 to Step 6 and in their first Jewson (Eastern Counties) League season Leiston lifted the Division One Knockout Trophy in 2002. The club also lifted the prestigious East Anglian Cup after a penalty shoot-out over higher ranked Brentwood Town in May 2008 and then the club achieved back to back titles winning the Ridgeons Premier Division in 2011 and the Ryman League Division One North a year later in 2012. Efforts on and off the field in the past few seasons has also seen the club win prestigious awards for Respect and Fair Play from the Ryman League and the club is extremely proud to collect such achievements.

Season 2008/2009 will be long remembered in the history of Leiston as we became only one of three sides to ever reach the First Round proper of the FA Cup after starting the completion at the Extra Preliminary Round stage. Memorable wins at higher ranked Carshalton Athletic and Conference Premier Lewes in a run that lasted nine games and ended in a replay defeat at Conference North Fleetwood Town in front of 2000 fans after a record crowd of 1250 had watched the First Round goal less draw at Victory Road. After ten seasons in the Eastern Counties League, the club gained promotion to the Ryman League as champions of the Ridgeons League. The inaugural Ryman League season provided unexpected success and at the first attempt secured the Division One North title with some fantastic performances including a 26 game unbeaten run. Now in its ninth season at Step Three, the club achieved its highest ever finish in the 2017/2018 season (5th) and reached the end of season play offs, narrowly defeated 1-0 against Dulwich Hamlet. Movement across to the newly formed Southern League Central Premier Division has seen the side struggle and a first season during the 2018/2019 season saw a 19th placed finish. A very youthful Reserve side played some great football last term and ended as the 'top' Reserve side in the Division, finishing in a very respectable 10th place. The club continues to engage youth development and the Under 18's had another strong season and continues to progress while the continued links with Junior sides in the community will see the club evolve further for the future.

Over the years. Leiston have been blessed with many able and willing Chairmen, Secretaries and committee members and the club prides itself on its family attitudes. The club has also been very fortunate over the years to have players of note in their ranks and includes many links with professional clubs including lan Gillespie, Ted Phillips, Jackie Warne, Stuart Boardley, Byron Lawrence, Kyle Hammond and Jason Dozzell. The club continues to improve its facilities in line with FA grading requirements and now has some of the best Non League facilities in Suffolk and the club is forever looking to improve. The efforts of Chairman Andy Crisp and Vice Chairman Peter Mayhew have been the main driving factors behind the changes and the meteoric rise of the club to step three of the national pyramid.



Leighton Town Football Club

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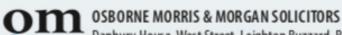






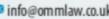






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THE LOWDOWN WITH: ROSS ADAMS

We catch up with the man who kept the Vase dream alive, Ross Adams.
5 wins from 5 in the FA Cup and League so far, there must be a real buzz around the place?

I can't lie, it's the start we've all been waiting for, especially after last years slow start to the season. There's a great feeling around the club, everyone is on a high! We're taking it one game at a time and will give everything we've got to keep this form going!

Not just wins, but in the last 2, real top drawer performances, especially against Mildenhall in front of our supporters. What did you make of the evening?

You're not wrong, the game against Mildenhall, for me was one of the best team performances I've been involved in! From the first whistle to the last I thought we were excellent, every individual stuck to their job! When we're playing like that and the support from the fans is as good as it has been then it will take a lot for other teams to come here and enjoy themselves.

On a personal note, you are in fine form yourself at the minute, what do you put that down too?

I'd say a good pre season, lots of running and keeping fit. A lot of my game is down to fitness.







THE LOWDOWN WITH: ROSS ADAMS

Saturday is a big game not just for you boys, but the club as a whole in the FA Cup, against Step 3 opposition, are you looking forward to it?

Silly question, I can't wait!

Rarely do we get a chance to prove ourselves against higher opposition so I can assure you that me and the boys will give it our all to reach the next round!

Just to mention the supporters, the support for tickets on Tuesday evening was sensational wasn't it?

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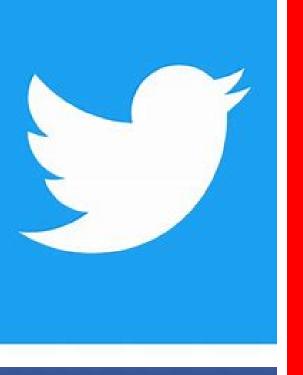
When I joined Leighton I don't think I realised just how great the support was going to be, especially for a step 5 side.

Week after week it became clear just how dedicated our supporters really are, me and the boys are so grateful.

Turning up to training on Tuesday just gone to see a queue of 30+ which did not shorten by the time training had finished speaks volumes.

That's the lowdown from Rosco, who would you like to see next in Volume #4 of Town Talk?

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SUPPORTERS SAY: Josh Wallace

A new programme segment sees a different Town supporter every week, answer a set of questions!

Q: When did you start following Town?

I used to go and watch the town on and off in my early teens, me and my mate lewis would go down to the club on the odd occasion. My support for the club ramped up in the 2017/18 season which was fuelled by a strong vase run.

Q: Your commitment knows no bounds. You won £1300 on our vase run and you travel to and from uni for games. Why?

Why wouldn't I? I have full belief and backing for the boys and going into those vase games I could feel that we were going to get a result. It started with a bet on the Eynesbury game and when that came in I put all the money on us to beat Bradford town, probably best to keep that from student finance...

I travel to the games because it's a great chance for me to keep up with my mates and get away from it all for a day, over the last few years the town has been such an important part of my life I couldn't just lose them because I've moved a few hours up the ml!

Q: Favourite moment from last season?

Dare I say eynestanbul? We had so many great moments to choose from on and off the pitch, from chanting all the way from Leighton to Kent to beating Colney Heath (who were a great side and clear at the top of the league) and beating London Colney 8-0 but nothing does beat that pure explosion of emotion as Ashton netted that final goal in the dying moments the tough fought game at Eynesbury.

Q: What are you looking forward to most this season?

Nothing beats a cup run! I would love to see the town beat last years vase run and do well in the FA cup too! The prospect of a promotion push also!

Q: Score Prediction for this evening?

I'll go for 3-0 the town, a bit of an upset! With the recent results it looks like it's going to be a cracker!

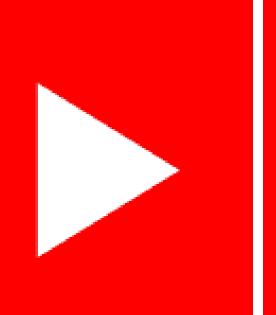




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REPORT VS CRAWLEY GREEN

Town faced a trip to a Behind-Closed-Doors The Brache to take on Luton-based outfit, Crawley Green FC on Saturday.

With no Town supporters backing them, it could've proved difficult for Town, however, they ran out comfortable 5-0 winners on the day. It was a fast start for Town, with them two up inside the opening 11 minutes.

The first saw Collier's deflected pass find Mealing in space in the area and he coolly slotted the ball past the keeper into the top left corner. The second was something a bit special, with Jordon Frederick lining one up from 25 yards and smashing it into the top right corner! With Town already two goals to the good, they continued to create opportunities for themselves.

Frederick, Collier and Campbell all going close on separate occasions. The hosts looked to pull a goal back midway through the first half, however, Brad Kirkwood and Dave Murphy made sure that wouldn't happen!

Tom Silford made a couple of marauding runs in the later stages of the half, but his efforts were thwarted by the Crawley Green shot-stopper. In the second-half, Town got underway in similar fashion the first, with a goal in the first five minutes! Mealing turned provider on this occasion and his acute pass found Collier in the box, who rounded the keeper and finished to make it 3-0!

Archie McClelland was replaced shortly after by George Boland. Just seven minutes after the goal and Town has the game wrapped up. Louie Collier the scorer again and Mealing also the provider, this time with a sublime back-heel to play the former in, who fired across the keeper and saw it smash off the post and land in the back of the net! A brilliant goal which emphasised the good football Town played throughout the game, with Frederick, Collier, Mealing and Campbell all combining well throughout.

James Towell was replaced by Carl Resch on the 60th minute.

Town continued to dominate proceedings, playing some really nice stuff on an artificial surface.

With the game entering the final 20 minutes, Town added another to score-line! Ashton Campbell was unlucky not to be the scorer himself and saw his shot saved, but Marcus Mealing was there to slot home, making it 2 goals and 2 assists for him, in only his 2nd Town start! He was then replaced by Connor Calcutt, who returns after welcoming his first child with his partner, Amber, a son called Hudson! Congratulations, Connor!

Town continued to threaten after Calcutt's introduction, with Collier firing just over from all of 30 yards!

The final chances of the game went Town's way again, with Campbell rattling the crossbar after a curling effort towards the far corner. The rebound fell at Calcutt's feet, but produced an unbelievable save by the Crawley Green goalkeeper.

That meant Town saw the game out, to win 5-0 in the 2nd League outing of the season! Six points from six for Joe Sweeney and Paul Copson's men.

Nine goals and two clean sheets in the space of 4 days for Town, which now sees them welcome Leiston FC of Step Three on Saturday in the Emirates FA Cup...







UNDER 18 FIXTURES AND NEWS

Our U18 side made their debut bow last season. After a rocky start, they picked up form and results in the turn of the new year, with wins against Luton Town Cedars and AFC Dunstable.

Managed by James Heeps with Coaching Staff James Setchell, Mick Zanetti and Deano.

NEWS AND UPDATES

WILL & ED HORNE GET 1ST TEAM MINUTES

A big congratulations to U18 brothers, Will and Ed Horne, who played in Pre-Season for the 1st Team!

U18S WIN AT DUNSTABLE

In their opening league game, our U18 side beat AFC Dunstable U18 2-1 at Creasey Park.

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Your Town Squad:

- 1. Brad Kirkwood
- 2. Joe Fitzgerald
- 3. Tom Silford
- 4. Dave Murphy
- 5. Carl Resch
- 6. Aaron Jewell
- 7. Archie McClelland
- 8. Jordon Frederick (C)
- 9. Connor Calcutt
- 10. Louie Collier
- 11. James Towell
- 12. Ross Adams
- 13. Brian Foulger
- 14. Alex Condon
- 15. Ashton Campbell
- 16. Marcus Mealing
- 17. Ben Pattie
- 18. Alfie Osborne

Leiston FC Squad:

- 1. Sam Donkin
- 2. Kyle Hammond
- Ollie Saunders
- 4. Kyle Richardson
- 5. Harry Knights
- 6. Matthew Weaire
- 7. Finlay Barnes
- 8. Dylan Swittors
- 9. Liam Jackson
- 10. Jamie Eaton-Collins
 - 11. Marcus Wilkinson
- 12. George Keys
- 13. Robert Eagle
- 14. **Josh Hitter**
- 15. Will Davies
- 16. Harrison Bacon
- 17 Joe Potter
- 18 Matt Richardson

Today's Match Officials:
Andy Hitchcox, Chris Howes, Nick Fuller